

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Claims 1-12 have been amended to place them in better compliance with U.S. practice. New claims 13-16 have been added. The specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Office Action rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,148,673 to Brown. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Brown does not anticipate claim 1 for at least *two* reasons.

*First*, Brown does not disclose, “a support having . . . a recessed seat adapted to receive the die,” as recited by claim 1. The Office Action aligns the die 30 of Brown with the claimed “die”; and aligns the leadframe 60 of Brown with the claimed “seat”. However, nowhere does Brown disclose that the leadframe 60 is *recessed* or *receives* the die 30. In fact, from the cross-sectional view of Brown’s Fig. 1, it is clear that the die 30 *sits atop* a breaktab portion 16 of the leadframe 60. (*See* Brown at Fig. 1, 3:8-15.) Therefore, Brown does not disclose, “a support having . . . a recessed seat adapted to receive the die.”

*Second*, Brown does not disclose that, “said die is mounted within the recessed seat in the support,” as recited by claim 1. Instead, as stated above, the die 30 of Brown *sits atop* a breaktab portion 16 of the leadframe 60. (*See* Brown at Fig. 1, 3:8-15.) Therefore, Brown also fails to

disclose this second element of claim 1.

As demonstrated above, claim 1 is patentable over Brown for at least two reasons. Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1, and are patentable for depending from an allowable base claim. In addition, the Applicants note that the Office Action *does not even attempt* to identify features in Brown correlating to the elements of dependent claims 2-12. Therefore, claims 2-12 are further patentable over Brown for reciting additional patentable features.

### **Conclusion**

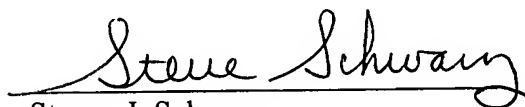
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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